

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Vernon will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7:35 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 14 Park Place, Vernon, CT to discuss its Fiscal Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program Application and to solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits are \$700,000 for Public Facilities, \$700,000 for Public Housing Modernization of 25 units or less, or \$800,000 for 26 units and over; \$500,000 for Infrastructure; \$400,000 for Housing Rehabilitation Program for single towns, \$500,000 for two-town consortium, and \$600,000 for three or more Towns; \$25,000 for Planning Only Grants; \$500,000 for Economic Development Activities, and \$500,000 for Urgent Need.

Major activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing-Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must meet at least one of three National Objectives: 1. benefit to low and moderate income persons, 2. elimination of slums and blight, or 3. meeting urgent community development needs.

The Town may only submit one (1) project to DECD each fund year from the above categories. The Town of Vernon proposes to submit a project application in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 under the Housing Rehabilitation project category for a Town-Wide Housing Rehabilitation Program. In addition, the Town will create a revolving loan fund with program income (principal and interest) generated from the grant a housing rehabilitation loan program.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizens' views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be a part of the Town's Application for Funding Year 2013.

The Town of Vernon promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income families, and will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability, physical disability or handicap.

The public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the proposed project/program and for review and approval of the Program Income Reuse Plan, if any. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Town of Vernon, 14 Park Place, Vernon, CT 06066 or you may telephone Mr. George F. Apel, Mayor at 860-870-3600. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Wednesday; 8:30 am and 7:00 pm Thursday; and 8:30 am and 1:00 pm Friday. The hearing will also review and discuss the Town's prior Small Cities projects including any currently open or underway.

"All are encouraged to attend. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Harry Boyko, ADA Coordinator at 860-870-3651 at least five days prior to the hearing"

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